

LITTLE DOLLARS  
are those dollars which  
might have been big, had  
they been spent for  
TEE-DEE WANT ADS.

BIG DOLLARS  
are those dollars which  
wise men have invested  
in wonder working  
TEE-DEE WANT ADS.

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## SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

### The Weather.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia—Fair, much colder Wednesday, cold wave by night in interior; brisk to high (southwest to northwest winds); Thursday fair and colder. North Carolina—Fair Wednesday, colder in west portion and at night in east portion; Thursday fair, brisk west to north-west winds Wednesday.

Bring out your thick top coats and heavy wraps to-day, for another cold wave is predicted. The promise is that it will be much colder. Bright sunshine and higher temperature made the weather yesterday almost balmy and spring-like. Only in the early morning hours was it very cold.

### STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

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| 9 A. M.  | 41     |
| 12 M.    | 34     |
| 3 P. M.  | 41     |
| 6 P. M.  | 41     |
| 9 P. M.  | 41     |
| Midnight | 41     |
| Average  | 39.2-3 |

### MINIATURE ALMANAC.

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| Feb. 2, 1904. |      |
| Rises         | 7:11 |
| High tide     | 5:49 |
| Sets          | 8:18 |
| Evening       | 6:10 |

### Richmond.

Judge Beverley R. Wellford, who retires from the Circuit Court bench after many years of faithful service is given an elegant dinner by the Richmond bar and presented with a beautiful silver memento—House caucus, after a rather acrimonious discussion, tables motion to exclude the fusion members and they will it appears remain in the caucus. The Senate, after a hard fight, passes the bill appropriating money for care of Confederate graves. In our committee, A. I. the session of the House is marked by a sharp political debate—Advisory Board upholds its committee to support the election of the memorial to Jefferson Davis.

W. P. Terry fatally injured on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. Special committee practically endorses McCarthy plan for settling bond issue matter. New city dredge to be christened the Fulton. Mr. Ready buys big brick yard in West End. Bad weather has depressing effect on tobacco market. Hot battle with snow between college students and city school boys. Richmond waiters going to Toronto. Clerk Vaddell strongly commended in report made to Henrico court. We enjoy cold wave and warm wave, and are promised another cold one to-day. United States Court, decides in favor of Mr. Peters in artificial leg case. Alexandria officer here to urge Richmond military to attend Washington's birthday celebration. Death of Mrs. James M. Roberts. Handsome luncheon given by Mrs. John W. Harrison. Sir Roger robbed and sandwich left in his pocket. Protective law raises doubts as to ability of holder to make bond. No exemption. Many hobs given accommodation. Alleged burglar caught last night. MANDATE.—Special grand jury still working on cases of alleged selling liquor to minors. Blids being asked for bonds on stolen automobile. Meeting Friday night. Water works seriously handicapped by ice. Fugitive of Mr. Furber. Police statistics for January. Funeral of Mrs. Talley to-morrow.

### Virginia.

Telephone cable crossing the Appomattox river broken. The Newport News shipyard to establish a plant to make electrical machinery as applied to the navy. The navy department to be incorporated. Last term of Accotink court celebrated Saturday by honors to the retiring judge. The judge, Judge C. H. Williams, who has been in the county for many years, was given a banquet by the county. By agreement with the only saloon keeper in town J. L. Hays was declared dry by the town council. Engines in collision at Buena Vista cause death of an engineer and injury of another. Col. Walker, of the Norfolk County, in Norfolk county for killing John D. Blair. A break seems imminent between Pickett-Buchanan. Judge Chambers in Norfolk and its auxiliary. Tazewell college burns and young ladies driven into the town. Engines in Rock burned. Much concern felt over the small-pox situation in the county. The Chinese community in Norfolk subjects in quarantine. Tobacco growers' Association organized at Charlotte Court house, Va. A North Carolinian who wanted a wife advertised, and a Petersburg lady misunderstood and thought he wanted a cat. A cat was sent and answered and he came on and explanations followed.—Escaped negro hunk to pay out in solid gold each of the two following comes to Suffolk to see his sweetheart, and deciding on an immediate marriage they are married. The accused of murder of Isbell is now charged with stealing.

### North Carolina.

James T. Thompson at Wilson makes assignment of property. Judge at Wilmington dissolves the injunction which closed the saloons at Jacksonville. Governor Aycock will not adopt a course in the Dakota bond case until mature reflection of the conditions.—After examining two volumes of the new edition of the law, the new edition of the law is lacking in the Terry murder case at Wilmington.—James Hynd acquitted of the murder of Delmo King. Colonel John N. Stans, of Greensboro, declares Cleveland the only man the Democrats can elect.

## General.

Stock market is nearly stagnant and last prices are lowest of day.—Cotton fall precipitately amid great excitement and dealings are on an enormous scale.—William C. Whitney, originator of the new navy, dies while under influence of ether, preparatory to a second operation. Senator from Arkansas and a Democrat defends President's course in connection with the case of the crew of the Albatross. Austin Chamberlain, as leader of House of Commons, declares that Japan's not answering Russia's delay in answering Japan's note is a matter of great importance. Big fire rages in the city of St. Louis. Report reaches St. Louis that the Japanese are taking a Japanese bride.

## WEST VIRGINIA BANK IS ORDERED CLOSED

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, has been closed by order of the Comptroller of the Currency and Bank Examiner C. V. Robinson has been appointed temporary receiver. The bank was organized April 15, 1901, with T. M. Jackson as president, and S. H. White as cashier. The Comptroller is not in possession of sufficient information to enable him to state the exact cause of failure. The bank has a capital of \$25,000, and deposits of \$375,000.

## MILLIONS MORE FOR ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Senate Committee on Appropriations today adopted a favorable report on the urgent bill, authorizing the appropriation of \$1,000,000 as a loan to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

## WILLIAM C. WHITNEY SUCCUMBS TO DISEASE



WILLIAM C. WHITNEY.  
Former Secretary of the Navy.

### Passes Away While Under Influence of Ether, Preparatory to Second Operation.

## ORIGINATOR OF THE NEW NAVY

### Mr. Whitney Was Head of Naval Department Under First Cleveland Administration.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—William Collins Whitney, former Secretary of the Navy, died a few minutes after 4 o'clock this afternoon at his home, No. 871 Fifth Avenue. He died while under the influence of ether, administered preparatory to a second operation for appendicitis. By his bedside were his son, Harry Payne Whitney, and his daughter, Dorothy Whitney, as well as Dr. William T. Bull, the chief surgeon in attendance.

Mr. Whitney was in his sixty-fourth year. Mr. Whitney was taken ill Friday night at the performance of "Rigoletto" at the Metropolitan Opera House, and had to leave before the opera ended. Dr. Walter B. James, the Whitney family physician, was summoned, and found that the condition of the patient was such that after consultation an operation was decided upon, and was performed by Dr. Bull. The patient could not see that it was fully believed he would recover.

Mr. Whitney's condition was very grave, however, on Sunday and Monday, and at a consultation held this afternoon the conclusion was reached that the only hope for the patient lay in a second operation.

Under Influence of Ether. Mr. Whitney was placed under the influence of ether, but whether the operation was proceeded with or not is unknown. When the physicians perceived that the patient was in danger of death, Harry Whitney was called in.

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## MANY SUSPECTS UNDER ARREST

### Some Hopes That Mrs. Shields May Survive Her Wounds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., Feb. 2.—The police report a number of arrests in various places of negroes suspected of being the party who assaulted Mrs. Shields and her little daughter, but it is doubted that the right man has been captured. Bluefield, Tazewell and Upper Marlboro, Md., are among the places reporting the arrest of suspects. Detective Baldwin's father arrived to-night from Bluefield and said that he believed the negro was in jail at that place, and would send a detailed description to-morrow. Chief of Police Dyer and the authorities generally, however, believe the negro to still be in Roanoke, and every effort is being made to run him down. The chief of police said to-night that he was fully convinced that the negro who committed the crime had resided here some time, and had carefully made his plans, selecting a time when he knew Mrs. Shields was alone with her children, and when there are few people passing the house. Business has gone along as usual to-day, and no crowds have gathered on the streets. But the capture of the negro would arouse the people like a spark in a powder magazine. Mayor Cutchins is coming in for considerable criticism for leaving the Roanoke soldiers at the armory, when there is no sign of trouble. The authorities have been much annoyed by reports sent out of Roanoke to the effect that the negro was in the jail here, and to-day Mayor Cutchins sent telegrams to several newspapers correcting the reports. The condition of Mrs. Shields and the little girl remains unchanged. Mrs. Shields is a wonder to the physicians, and there is some hope that she will survive her terrible wounds.

## UNUSUAL SPECTACLE SEEN IN SENATE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—As its opening today the Senate witnesses the unusual spectacle of a religious service conducted by a Protestant minister and a Jewish rabbi. The daily prayer was delivered by Rabbi David Phillips, a professor in the Hebrew College at Cincinnati. The rabbi spoke of this country as "the promised land, the new Canaan, the exemplar of justice, the protector of the weak, the foe of unrighteousness, the sanctuary of liberty, the haven of peace." The service was concluded with the Lord's Prayer by Dr. Hale.

## VIOLENT BREAK IN COTTON

### Slump More Sensational Than Recent Advance.

## DEMORALIZATION RULES IN PIT

### Quotations for All Months Collapse to the Extent of \$6 to \$8 Per Bale.

## TRANSACTIONS ARE ON ENORMOUS SCALE

### Day's Sales Are Estimated at Two Million Bales—Break Finally Checked by Renewed Bull Support and Rally Follows, Making Close About Steady.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Heavy selling and a violent break in prices marked today's business in the cotton exchange, the day's slump being even more sensational than the recent advances which have steadily sent cotton quotations upward, until yesterday they reached the highest level since 1895.

Under the influence of a number of causes, chief of which was the confirmed report that Daniel J. Sulz, the supposed leader of the upward movement, was about to take a vacation, and enhanced by the belief of many operators that its culmination had been reached, quotations for all months collapsed to the extent of from \$6 to \$8 per bale, and utter demoralization ruled in the pit. No failures were reported, but the violent fluctuations represent losses of millions distributed throughout the market. Transactions during the day were enormous. In the aggregate, the day's sales being estimated at 2,000,000 bales. The break was checked finally by renewed bull support and a rally followed. The close was about steady.

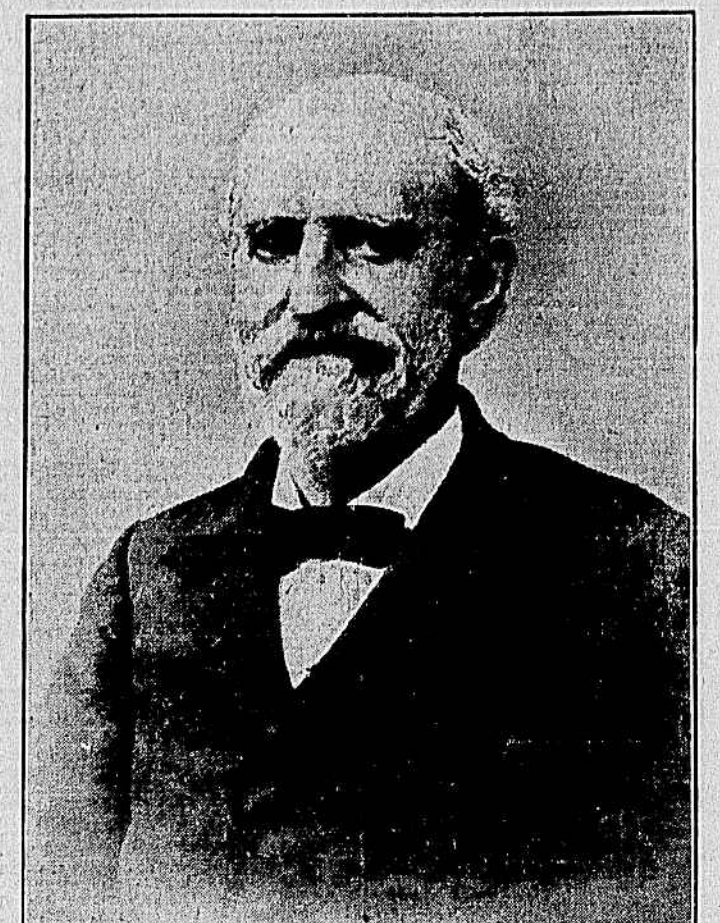
The day opened with a sharp break in prices under the influence of a generally circulated rumor of settlements by short interests effected since yesterday. This sent quotations down a half cent per pound, but a denial of the rumor brought about a substantial recovery. Barely had the market steadied after this movement, when the report of Mr. Sulz's intention to take a vacation became current, and prices again started down. It was inferred that this meant the successful disposition of his interests and the abandonment of his campaign, and when he was quoted to the effect that he was about to take a two-week vacation, the downward movement became a panic, selling orders poured in upon the brokers, and the market went to pieces, quotations meeting away 6 and 10 points at a time.

### Vertical Drop.

In fifteen minutes of this panic, with every broker a seller and none a buyer, prices fell vertically almost a cent a pound, and the May option less than an hour registered a decline of a cent and a quarter, a round variation greater than would have been affected in a week under normal conditions. Along with the liquidation of bull speculators there was some selling for short account. The sensational decline continued apparently until it had spent itself, after it had been going on for an hour, and fortunes had been wiped out, a few

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## JUDGE WELLFORD IS HONORED BY THE BAR



JUDGE BEVERLY R. WELLFORD,  
The Distinguished Retiring Jurist in Whose Honor Last Night's Dinner Was Given.

## TENSION INCREASED

### Russia's Delay in Answering Japan Stretching Relations Almost to Breaking Point.

## PREPARATIONS CONTINUE

(By Associated Press.)  
TOKYO, Feb. 2.—The Russian note is still undelivered, and the government and people of Japan do not possess any definite information concerning the time of its arrival or its contents. Russia's delay, coupled with the announcement of continued movement of reinforcements into Manchuria, increases the strain of the tension, while it diminishes the already slight prospects for peace. The government has been urged to dispatch a peremptory note to St. Petersburg threatening to declare war if refused immediate satisfaction in the way of a reply to its previous note, but still the government is patiently waiting, although it is manifest if the day is much more prolonged it will act unceremoniously. Events will move rapidly when the note is finally received if it is materially unsatisfactory, and the prospect for additional negotiations is slight, although probably Japan will dispatch an ultimatum before striking. The Japanese show a remarkable outward calm and no scenes were witnessed.

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## POINTS ARE SCORED AGAINST MRS. POST

### Evidence to Show That Mental Science Healer Paid Little Attention to Her Letters.

(By Associated Press.)  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 2.—The government scored several points to-day in the case against Mrs. Helen Williams Post, charged with devising a scheme to defraud and using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Evidence was adduced to show that the mental science healer paid little, if any, attention to the letters received by her from patients desiring treatment; that she would extract the money from the envelopes and pass the letters on to her force of clerks to be answered according to instructions originally given, and that when Mrs. Post was not at home her private secretary opened the letters and, taking out the money, passed them on to be answered by the clerks. Several of the pamphlets on mental science treatment were read to the jury. The trial will probably last all the week.

## LARGE CORPORATIONS IN RECEIVERS' HANDS

(By Associated Press.)  
HOUSTON, TEX., Feb. 2.—The Kirby Lumber Company and the Houston Oil Company, two of the largest corporations in Texas, were yesterday placed in the hands of temporary receivers by the Federal Court at New Orleans. B. K. Bonner, who is closely associated with John H. Kirby, and N. W. Mitchell, of St. Louis, were named as receivers for the former company, and Captain E. A. Reichardt, cashier of the Plunkett and Merchants National Bank of this city, and Thomas H. Franklin, of San Antonio, Texas, were appointed receivers for the Houston Oil Company.

## OWENS AND PARKER TO REMAIN IN

### House Caucus Tables a Resolution.

## BRILLIANT FIGHT OF HON. R. W. WITHERS

### Young Member Makes a Name for Himself With His Colleagues.

## MR. PARKER ATTACKS COLONEL W. H. STEWART

### In Defending "Fusionism" He Declares That the Political Record of the Portsmouth Member Is Not Unchecked—Vote on Motion to Table 33 to 215

AYES: Messrs. Barnes, Bird, Boaz, Bruce, Cardwell, Collier, Cox, Dinko, Green, Harrison, Hunsley, Jordan, Kelley, Lynch, Lyell, Mays, Mitchell, Old, Owens, Powell, Raw, Rosecrank, Rogers, Sayers, Scott, Blackburn Smith, Spensard, Stubbs, Sydney, Thornhill, Walker, Wallace and Willeroy—35.  
NOES: Messrs. Anderson, Clarke, Coleman, Daniel, Everett, Gray, Gregory, Gunn, Howle, Jennings, Lambell, Latham, R. E. Lee, Jr., J. M. Lewis, Moss, Pannell, Person, Stewart, Watson, Withers and Wood—215.

The above is the vote by which the Democratic caucus of the House of Delegates last night tabled a resolution offered by Mr. Withers, of Nansemond, to exclude Messrs. E. W. Owens and W. G. Parker, the "fusion" members from Norfolk county, from seats in that body. The fight was a spirited one, and was led in a most brilliant manner on behalf of the "straightout" element by Hon. Robert W. Withers, of Nansemond, a new member and one of the youngest in the body. He spoke for the entire Second Congressional District delegation, and his indictment of "fusion" conditions in Norfolk county was the most powerful one ever put in the old hall during the present session.

Mr. Withers' speech was clean, attractive and logical, and was eagerly heard by his colleagues. He dealt in no personalities, but when Mr. Parker, who defended his own conduct, made a speech to the effect that he had made a big fight, and that he was now a member of the House, Mr. Withers, charging him with having been a candidate for office on the ticket with negroes, and with having been a Republican compromiser. Colonel Stewart made a vigorous reply, and defended his own conduct and his "fusionism" without gloves.

Mr. Parker defended "fusionism" and declared that when it was inaugurated it was to redeem the county from negro rule.

Mr. Cardwell made the motion to table, which was adopted, by a vote of 33 to 215, and he declared that Messrs. Owens and Parker should not be turned out of the caucus to gratify newspaper editors and outsiders.

The meeting lasted for about two hours, and was full of spicy incidents from its inception. The action taken ends the mutterings of the "fusion" members, who remain in the caucus during the session.

## Boaz Made Chairman.

The conference was called to order at 8:30 o'clock by Hon. T. D. Jennings, of Lynchburg, and Hon. W. H. Boaz, of Albemarle, was made chairman, and Hon. C. M. Wallace, Jr., of Richmond, secretary. Five-thirty members answered to their names, and Mr. Withers, of Nansemond, offered the following resolution: "Whereas, E. W. Owens and W. G. Parker were nominated in the primary election held in open defiance of the decision of the State Democratic Executive Committee; and whereas, the said Owens and Parker were candidates at the general election on November 3, 1903, in opposition to H. S. Elbridge and Hugh Johnston, the regular Democratic nominees, therefore, be it Resolved, That E. W. Owens and W. G. Parker are not entitled to admission into the Democratic caucus of the House of Delegates." Mr. Withers made a stirring appeal for the adoption of his resolution, and said that any criticism that might come to him as a result of his fight for a genuinely oppressed people would be fully compensated by the prayers and tears of the latter. He asserted that those who sought to admit the "fusion" members to the caucus had muddled the waters and bedeviled the issue by mixing the names of the "fusion" members with the names of the regular Democrats. One had nothing to do with the other, and the only case here was that involving the right of Messrs. Owens and Parker in the caucus of the Democratic party.

## Not a Personal Matter.

Mr. Withers had nothing to say against the personnel of the members, but there was a great principle involved, and it was of this that he came to speak. Mr. Withers gave a graphic history of conditions in Norfolk county from the inception of "fusionism" in 1891, when, he said, it had been excusable on the ground of relieving the county of a negro Commonwealth's attorney. He declared that the necessity of it had ever existed, but that it did not exist now, and with uplifted hands the speaker asserted that the conquest of "fusionism" in Norfolk county had been a conquest for public place. He said a great representation of his people had truthfully asserted in the public press that the situation in Norfolk county was a "canoe on the body politic" and he believed that it was the duty of the caucus to settle the matter once for all. He referred to the fact that Messrs. Owens and

## WOULD NOT WAIT FOR WEDDING DAY

### Kentucky Lawyer Comes to Visit Sweetheart and Determines on Immediate Ceremony.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 2.—Having come to Virginia to see his sweetheart, Miss Ethel Preston Brothers, who had been ill for some days, Alle Francis Parker, an attorney of Louisville, Ky., decided that he would take her back to his bride, and to-day they eloped to Elizabeth City, N. C., and were married this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pearing by Rev. B. H. Tuttle, of the Methodist Church. Miss Brothers is seventeen years old. Her mother had given consent to their wedding, and it was to come off next April. Parker insisted upon an immediate ceremony, and Thursday night of this week was set, but John B. Norfleet, uncle and guardian of the girl, objected on account of her age, and the runaway followed. The bridegroom and Eddie Cotton went to Norfolk last night and were joined there to-day by the bride and Katherine, a younger sister. The bride is a beautiful brunette and is popular socially. The bridegroom has an office at No. 1111 North Street, Louisville, Ky.

## SENATE CONFIRMS MARTIN'S APPOINTMENT

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The Senate to-day confirmed the following nominations: William H. Armbricht, attorney for the Southern District of Alabama. Postmasters: Mississippi—Thomas H. Franklin, of San Antonio, Texas, were appointed receivers for the Houston Oil Company.